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SUBJECT: RUBBER -- MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF IRSG

L. SUMMARY - A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL RUBBER STUDY GROUP WAS HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
DISCUSSED THE POSSIBLE ROLE OF THE IRSG AT THE UNCTAD  
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COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS IN GENEVA, JANUARY 17-21. IT  
WAS FELT BY ALL CONSUMER DELEGATES THAT THE IRSG SHOULD  
BE DESIGNATED AS THE "TECHNICAL INTER-GOVERNMENTAL  
GROUP" TO EXAMINE THE NEED FOR A STABILIZATION  
ARRANGEMENT FOR NR, IF SUCH A GROUP IS SET UP BY THE  
JANUARY UNCTAD MEETING. THE THREE PRODUCER DELEGATES,

HOWEVER, RANGED FROM NON-COMMITTAL, TO ENVISAGING A MINOR ROLE FOR THE IRSG.

2. AS THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN, DAVID DELL, ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS BEEN REASSIGNED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND WILL STEP DOWN BOTH AS UK REPRESENTATIVE TO THE IRSG AND AS CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. HIS REPLACEMENT WILL BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROBIN HOPE.

3. IRSG PARTICIPATION AT THE UNCTAD MEETING IN GENEVA WAS DISCUSSED AND THREE ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION FOR THE GROUP WERE CONSIDERED: A) THAT ANY SMALLER, TECHNICAL INTER-GOVERNMENTAL GROUP SET UP BY UNCTAD TO CONSIDER RUBBER SHOULD BE THE IRSG B) THAT THE IRSG SHOULD NOT BE THAT TECHNICAL GROUP BUT SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AS AN ORGANIZATION ON IT C) THAT THE IRSG SHOULD OPERATE ONLY "BACK STAGE" GIVING SUCH ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AS ASKED FOR. THE FIRST ALTERNATIVE WAS STRONGLY ENDORSED BY THE US AND ALL OTHER CONSUMER COUNTRIES ATTENDING THE MEETING (USSR, JAPAN, FRG, CANADA, UK AND MEXICO). THE MALAYSIAN AND INDONESIAN DELEGATES, HOWEVER, WERE NON-COMMITTAL ON ANY PARTICULAR ROLE FOR THE IRSG. MALAYSIA ATTEMPTED TO AVOID THE QUESTION BY INTIMATING THAT NO UNCTAD FOLLOW THROUGH GROUP WOULD BE REQUIRED SINCE THE UNCTAD CONSULTATION WOULD HAVE BEFORE IT A COMPLETE STABILIZATION PROPOSAL -- THE ANRPC SCHEME. THE THAI DELEGATE INDICATED THAT THE THIRD ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE THE MOST ACCEPTABLE TO THAILAND.

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4. CONCERNING DOCUMENTATION, THE MALAYSIAN DELEGATE SAID ANRPC COUNTRIES PLANNED TO HAVE THEIR PROPOSAL IN THE HANDS OF ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS PRIOR TO THE UNCTAD CONSULTATIONS. SEC GEN BATEMAN ALSO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD UNCTAD PLANNED TO HAVE ITS OWN DOCUMENT

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CIRCULATED. IN THE HOPE THAT SUCH DOCUMENTATION WOULD  
BE AVAILABLE, A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE WAS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 11 FOR PRELIMINARY  
EXAMINATION. DURING THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSIONS,  
IT WAS REVEALED THAT NEITHER IRSG SECGEN BATEMAN NOR  
THE ANRPC SECGE/N HAD YET RECEIVED INVITATIONS TO ATTEND  
THE UNCTAD MEETINGS. BATEMAN WAS INSTRUCTED TO MAKE  
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APPROPRIATE ENQUIRIES TO UNCTAD.

5. A NUMBER OF OTHER MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED INCLUDING  
BUDGET AND STAFF NEEDS AND MARINE SHIPPING OF NATURAL  
RUBBER.

6. COMMENT - DURING THE DISCUSSION OF THE UNCTAD  
CONSULTATIONS, IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT THE MALAYSIAN  
DELEGATE STRONGLY EMPHASIZED THAT NO MATTER WHAT COMES

OUT OF GENEVA, THE IRSG WILL HAVE A CONTINUING ROLE,  
AND FAR FROM BEING LESS ACTIVE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO  
PROVIDE MUCH BROADER SERVICES THAN IS THE CASE TODAY.  
THIS IS SO, HE SAID, SINCE THE IRSG IS THE ONE FORUM  
WHERE PRODUCERS OF NATURAL AND SYNTHETIC RUBBER CAN MEET  
TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS. HE IMPLIED THAT THE ANRPC SCHEME  
ACCENTUATED THE NEED FOR SUCH A FORUM.

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